



NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Rocky Branch Warehouse
1048 Dreyfus Road, Columbia, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through July 7, 2015.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 15-6325-NRP, will affect approximately 8.5 acres located at 1048 Dreyfus Road, Columbia, South Carolina and further identified by Richland County tax map number R11204-02-01. The City of Columbia (The City) wants to buy the property from its current owner. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and The City.

Use of chemicals and fuel during past industrial operations on the property may have caused environmental contamination. These past uses included intermittent open dumping and storage of power transformers. Current land use surrounding the property includes commercial property to the north, a baseball stadium to the east, residential and commercial property to the south, and residential and commercial property to the west.

The City intends to redevelop the property as a green space. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow The City to acquire the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the potential for existing environmental pollution on the property. Under the proposed contract, The City will test sediment, surface water and groundwater from the property. If significant contamination is found, The City will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. The City did not create the pollution, but will take steps to control it to keep the property safe for re-use.

DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to return Brownfield sites to productive reuse. DHEC will not hold The City responsible for the pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under State law, The City will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the contamination. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract does not reduce the responsibility of any former owners or operators of the site.

The proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract is available at <http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices>. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through July 7, 2015. Questions or comments may be directed to Alex Fulmer at telephone (803) 898-0932, electronic mail at fulmerwa@dhec.sc.gov, or at TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Alex Fulmer at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.